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Garner Native Promoted to Town Engineer

Garner native Tony Chalk will have the opportunity to serve his hometown in a new capacity.

Chalk last week accepted the Town's offer to serve as town engineer. He was promoted from assistant town engineer following the retirement of former town engineer Frank Powell. Chalk's promotion was effective Monday, Feb. 3.

A lifelong Garner resident, Chalk grew up in the Cloverdale neighborhood and is a proud graduate of Garner Magnet High School (Class of 1979). He has a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from N.C. State University and holds certifications as a professional engineer and professional land surveyor. He has worked for the Town since 1989.

"Tony is extremely qualified and knowledgeable and will continue to serve the Town with the same passion and dedication he has demonstrated since 1989," Mayor Ronnie Williams said. "His experience and professionalism will serve our citizens well. I am proud to congratulate Tony and excited about the opportunity to work with him as town engineer."

Town Manager Hardin Watkins said Chalk has a unique understanding of the community from having grown up in Garner and having already served the Town for 24-plus years. He said Chalk is well suited for leading the Engineering Department during Garner's next phase of major growth.

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“I’m pleased to offer Tony Chalk the opportunity to lead our Engineering Department,” Watkins said. “He has great project management abilities and is skilled at pleasantly working with people. We will need all of those skills as the Town tackles our upcoming bond construction projects. Tony has earned the confidence of his peers and customers, and I’m confident that he will successfully guide and help the Town through our upcoming development and construction boom.”

Chalk completed a unique and innovative managerial and leadership assessment and development process designed by Dr. Steve Straus of Developmental Associates that involved a thorough set of exercises and professional development work over the last four months.

As the head of his department, Chalk will initiate and lead the search for the Town’s next assistant town engineer beginning immediately.

Chalk and his wife, Amy, have two daughters—one of whom attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the other, Appalachian State University.

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